

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

5-9. (Withdrawn)

35-37. (Withdrawn)

38. (Currently amended) A method of forming a core structure comprising:

- (a) providing a mold having an internal cavity;
- (b) arranging a sheet of prepreg material along around the inside of the internal cavity, the prepreg being of a size such that the prepreg ~~can extend~~ extends around a the inner circumference of the mold;
- (c) placing an expandable foam material in the cavity of the mold and within the prepreg material;
- (d) heating the expandable foam material so as to expand the foam material within the prepreg material so to press the prepreg material against the walls of the cavity of the mold; and
- (e) curing the expandable foam material and the prepreg material so as to form the core structure.